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For: **REMOTE ACCESS MEDICAL IMAGE EXCHANGE SYSTEM AND
METHODS OF OPERATION THEREFOR**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the listed documents, with the exception of U.S. Patent denoted as Documents AA, AB, AC, and AD on page 3 of the PTO-1449 form, were submitted in co-pending patent application Serial No. 08/854,474, which was filed on May 12, 1997, and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,006,191 on December 21, 1999. Since submission of the documents listed on the PTO-1449 Form is in full compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), it is respectfully submitted that Applicant need not submit a separate copy of each document, with the exception of Documents AA - AD. In other words, only copies of Documents AA-AD are, and need be, attached.

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The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application, within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

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1. a Final Action under 37 CFR §1.113, or
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Also submitted herewith is:

☐ a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e),

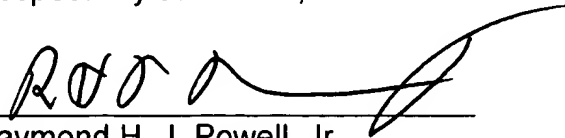
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☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §1.97(c). For submissions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.1.97(c), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the applicable fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) of \$180.00 to our Deposit Account No. 16-2372. A duplicate of this copy of this page is enclosed.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to

antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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1. PTO Form 1449 (3 Pages)
2. 4 Patent References

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